

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMSListing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

--1-13. (Cancelled).

--14. (New) A software program storage medium for storing a software program provided to a user, comprising:

a recordable portion, and

user's access authorization data and said software program are recorded in said recordable portion of said storage medium, wherein said software program storage medium is a portable storage medium.

--15. (New) The software program storage medium according to claim 14, wherein said storage medium further comprises a read-only portion for storing said software program.

--16. (New) The software program storage medium according to claim 14, wherein said user's access authorization data comprises user information for specifying said user and said user's access environment, and payment information related to payment of fees to a holder of rights in the software program.

--17. (New) The software program storage medium according to

claim 14, wherein said recordable portion comprises a write-once portion, and said user's access authorization data is recorded in said write-once portion of said storage medium.

--18. (New) A software program rights management system for managing rights to access a software program provided to a user in a storage medium, comprising:

access authorization issuing means for issuing a user's access authorization data;

storage management means for storing said user's access authorization data; and

data communication means for binding said access authorization issuing means with said storage management means, wherein said user's access authorization data and said software program are recorded in said storage medium and said storage medium is portable.

--19. (New) The software program rights management system according to claim 18, wherein said user's access authorization data includes user information for specifying a user and said user's access environment, and payment information related to payment of fees to a holder of rights in the software program.

--20. (New) A management method for managing rights to use a software program provided to a user, comprising the steps of:

storing a software program provided to a user; and

storing said user's access authorization data and said software program into a recordable portion of a software program storage medium having the recordable portion, wherein said software program storage medium is a portable storage medium.

--21. (New) The method for software program access management according to claim 20, further comprising the step of storing a user's access authorization data into a database formed with said recordable portion of said software program storage medium.

--22. (New) The method for software program access management according to claim 20, wherein said user access authorization data includes user information for specifying a user and said user access environment and payment information related to payment of fees to a holder of rights in the software program.